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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing you today because I believe that the proposed purchase of T-Mobile by AT&T and the \$8 billion investment in the next generation of wireless services that will follow will be good for our country. I hope you will see the benefits of this business deal and lend it your support.

Any time a private company wants to invest this kind of money into our infrastructure, creating new jobs and new opportunities, it is a good thing. I am passionate about quality education. During my more than 30 years representing sections in the city of Philadelphia I have seen what a difference having the right tools can make in a child's life. Today those tools include having access to the Internet. Not only is proficiency with using the Internet imperative to living in today's world, but it also is a tool that our schools and our students need to complement their education. By making the next generation of wireless services available to more people, we can help bridge the gap between those who have broadband Internet services and those who do not.

We are rapidly becoming a more mobile society. People no longer just access the Internet from a desktop. The explosive growth of smartphones and tablets illustrate the demand for wireless broadband services. Providers are struggling to keep up with demand, and in this case I believe that you can help by making a quick decision to approve this merger so that demand can be met.

I appreciate all that you do to help ensure we have robust communications in this country and appreciate your time in considering my support of this merger.

Sincerely,

Rep. Dwight Evans